



FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

The Bureau of the Census conducts the "Survey of Industrial Research and Development" under sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. These measures of research and development expenditures by industry are important in analyzing and forecasting long-term economic growth, analyzing productivity, formulating tax policy recommendations, and comparing individual research performance against industry averages. This year we selected a new sample of firms to distribute respondent reporting burden and to ensure an accurate representation of all the firms.

We have selected your firm for our 1992 survey panel. We have enclosed copies of Form RD-1A, "Survey of Industrial Research and Development during 1992," and a letter from the National Science Foundation that emphasizes the survey's importance. The 1992 report on Form RD-1A covers your entire domestic company.

The law (Title 13, United States Code) authorizes this report. Item 1 and Item 3A.3, Columns 4 and 6, for 1992 are part of the basic statistical program of the Bureau of the Census for manufacturing companies, and reporting of these items is mandatory. Response to the remainder of the inquiries is voluntary; however, we need your cooperation to make the results of the survey comprehensive and accurate. By Section 9 of the same law (Title 13), your report to the Census Bureau is confidential. Only sworn Census Bureau employees will see the information you report, and they will use it only for statistical purposes. The law also provides that copies retained in your files are immune from legal process.

We ask that you return the completed form within 60 days. If you have questions concerning this survey, need copies of the form, or need additional time, please call the Special Surveys Branch of our Industry Division on (301) 763-5598. We thank you for your cooperation in this important survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry A. Scarr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harry" being more prominent.

Harry A. Scarr

Enclosures